

Too Many U. S. Aides Abroad, Senator Says

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Senator Stephen M. Young, Democrat of Ohio, complained in the Senate today that the Government has too many relaxed Americans overseas, "lying high on the hog."

"Their salaries and fringe benefits are excellent," Senator Young said, "and their social life seems motive."

He said the administration

should eliminate at least 10 per cent. of its diplomatic, foreign aid and international intelligence employees by not filling vacancies when resignations and retirements occur.

The American traveling abroad, Senator Young said, "will be amazed . . . at the multiplicity of our advisers, observers, consultants and other representatives in every corner of the globe."

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He cited employees of the Foreign Aid Agency, the United States Information Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency, military missions, and representatives from virtually every Federal agency on special missions of one kind or another.

Senator Young said that Congress should have watchdog authority over the CIA. "Over the past two years we have seen ample evidence to cause us to doubt the efficiency and good judgment of employees and officials of the CIA," he said.

He added "the main function of many of these officials seems to be to send communications to each other."

Senator Young quoted a Soviet Embassy official here as saying there are 9,000 employees at the new CIA headquarters in McLean, and this will be increased to 11,000.

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"For the sake of American taxpayers," Senator Young continued, "let's hope that the Soviet Union is wrong again."

The Embassy reportedly gave the figures to Lytton H. Gibson, a Washington attorney. He said he had tried unsuccessfully for months to obtain them from a real estate developer from the CIA and the White House, then tried the Embassy.

Senator Young said that on visits to South America and the Far East, "I have experienced wonderment of the huge number of relaxed Americans."

Senator Young said the USIA has more than 8,000 on the overseas and nearly 1,000 at home. The agency for International Development, which runs the foreign aid program, he said, has more than 1,000 abroad and 2,200 here. The State Department's toll shows 24,000, over 16,000 abroad.